

LEGAL BRIEFS

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The latest statistics that were published on traffic accidents have been compiled for the year 1990. During that year, these were 39,881 automobile collisions. These collisions resulted in 19,210 injuries and 308 fatalities. Driving conditions are only getting worse. As the number of Las Vegas inhabitants increase so do the number of accidents.

We all try to do our best on the road to avoid the tragedy of an accident. Wearing a seat belt can definitely help to prevent serious injuries. Taking an alternative route may take longer but has the benefit of less traffic. Most importantly, we need to be responsible and not drink and drive. As careful as we may be, accidents may still occur, so it's important to know what to do in case of an accident. The following is a Ten-Step Guideline I have developed for you:

First Step: **KEEP CALM**
Comfort any passengers and attend to any injured parties and call an ambulance if necessary. It is preferred that you don't move your car until the police arrive.

Step 2: **EXCHANGE DOCUMENTS**
Don't discuss the accident with anyone or blame anyone, including yourself. Exchange only license, registration, and motor vehicle identification card.

Step 3: **FACTS TO GIVE**
Give only your name, address, license number, license plate number, name of registered owner of the car and your insurance company. Show your driver's license.

Step 4: **FACTS TO GET**
Take down the name, address, operators license information of the driver, sex, state of license, insurance information of the driver (name, of company, address and policy number) and the phone number of the other driver.

Step 5: **OWNERSHIP FACTS**
Write down the name, address and the insurance company and policy number of the owner of the other car involved. The driver may not be the owner of the car.

Step 6: **INJURED PARTIES**
Seek information from police for all injured parties involved including passengers. Take down the names, addresses, dates of birth, sex, and extent of injury.

Step 7: **WITNESSES**
Be sure to write down the names, addresses, and phone numbers of any people who saw the accident, but weren't involved in it.

Step 8: **DAMAGE**
Note the

make, body type, year and license number of the other vehicle. Also make note of the damage to the other vehicle.

Step 9: **DRAW DIAGRAM**
Note the date and time of the accident. Write down the location. Street intersection or landmark.

Step 10: **REPORT ACCIDENT**
Report accident to your broker or agent immediately. If the accident involved death or injury report it without delay to the policy department. Obtain a

copy of their report within 24 hours.

To help you follow this guide-

NEVADA HIGH SCHOOLS INVITED TO SIGN UP FOR NEVADA BUSINESS WEEK

All Nevada high school sophomores, juniors and seniors are now eligible to sign up for Nevada Business Week to be held June 14-20, 1992, on the University of Nevada, Reno Campus. Under the Nevada State Senate Business Week Scholarship Program, students

from all over the state will be chosen to represent their State Senate District. The scholarships are provided by businesses throughout the state. The only cost to students is a \$25 registration fee and their transportation to and from the UNR campus. All activities, lodging and

meals are provided by Business Week. During the week, students will learn all about the free enterprise system, get involved in exciting computer games, visit local businesses, and enjoy an array of social and recreational events, as well as experiencing college life for a full week.

onto a small, unique slider which fits in your glove box. Please call our office at 384-4000 and speak to one of our employees to obtain your own. Remember, drive safely and carefully.

All students may sign up at their schools today. Deadline for registration is April 24, 1992, and students will be notified of selections by May 15, 1992. Contact the school principal or counselor, or call Nevada Business Week at 786-8828 in Reno for more information.



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